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## BRAZIL.

*Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, January 8:

Week ended January 3. Vessels inspected by me, and bills of health issued by this consulate-general: December 31: British steamship *Canning*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 3 cabin and 10 steerage passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew. January 1: American schooner *Margaret Thomas*, for Port Tampa, Fla., in stone ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew, except 1 stewardess, left here.

No other vessels left this port during the period under report.

Week ended January 3. Total deaths 295. No deaths nor cases caused by yellow fever; 32 new reported cases of smallpox with 15 deaths, and 4 new reported cases of plague with 1 death. At the close of the week there were under treatment in the hospital São Sebastião, 35 cases of smallpox, and 7 cases of plague, with 19 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

## CHINA.

*Reports from Chefoo—Epidemic outbreak resembling plague at Tengchow.*

Information is received from Consul-General Fowler, under date of December 21, of an epidemic outbreak at Tengchow of a disease resembling plague, which has caused more than 200 deaths. In some parts of the city a fatal case occurred in nearly every house, and in some instances an entire family died of the disease. Death is reported as occurring within a few hours or a day or two after onset of the disease. The city officials have received orders from the tao tai of Chefoo to clean the city, and an attempt is being made to organize paid rat destruction.

January 4. Consul-General Fowler forwards a communication received by him from the tao tai at Chefoo, stating that the epidemic at Tengchow was diminishing and that the disease was introduced by laborers arriving from Manchuria. The authorities recommend examination of all coast craft arriving at Tengchow, for infected persons or merchandise. The city of Tengchow is situated about 30 miles from Chefoo.

*Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and smallpox—Summary for month of November, 1907.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, December 14:

Week ended December 14.

Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on November 2. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on November 2. Quarantinable diseases: Smallpox, 1 case, 1 death. Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 8.